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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE NEXT ALLIED CONFERENCE.

IN LONDON OR PARIS?

Paris, December 29.

Some surprise was caused in French diplomatic circles by a telegram from Rome, relating that it had been decided that the next Allied Conference shall meet in London, and not in Paris. Inquiry in official French circles shows that nothing is known of such a change. It would be difficult for M. Clemenceau to leave Paris during the first fortnight of January, as the Chamber is discussing the Budget and new loan, whilst the Senatorial elections are taking place on January 11, and the Presidential election on January 17.—*Hawas*.

DISPOSING OF WAR STOCKS.

MEASURES TO PREVENT SPECULATION.

Paris, December 29.

The new French Under-Secretary of State for the Disposal of War Stocks has decided on a series of measures for stopping speculation in American Army supplies being sold to the French Government. No buyers of any class of material will be allowed to purchase more than he can consume or employ himself.—*Hawas*.

THE EX-KAISER UNEASY.

AFRAID OF RETRIBUTION.

Paris, December 29.

The ex-Kaiser is very much disturbed by the publication of Kautsky's revelations as to the origin of the war, not being confident of security from retribution.—*Hawas*.

PRICE OF WHEAT IN FRANCE.

Paris, December 29.

The French Food Controller has decided that in view of the visible stocks of wheat, there is no reason to put up the price till next August.—*Hawas*.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WORLD AIRIAL DERBY.

CANTON AND SHANGHAI BY THE ROUTE.

Shanghai, December 31.

M. Beaumont, a member of the Commission organising a World Aerial Derby, arrived from Peking last night. He announces that Shanghai and Canton are on the direct route. He also asserts that 200 planes are coming in the summer.

BIG OPIUM ROBBERY AT SHANGHAI.

A FOREIGN CONSTABLE ARRESTED.

Shanghai, December 31.

A foreign constable named Allen, a recruit, and six Chinese have been arrested in connection with a \$10,000 opium robbery on Sunday night. The party impersonated the Police and tore up a floor and secured the opium. They then sold it.

HONOUR FOR TANG SHAO-YI.

Shanghai, December 31.

Tang Shao-yi has been elected President of the American University Club.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

EX-PRESIDENT DEAD.

Peking, December 30.

Fung Kuo-cheong died at 11 p.m. on the 28th inst.

THE FUOCHOW INCIDENT.

Peking, December 30.

In reply to the Foreign Ministry, the Japanese Minister states that the question of evacuation of warships from Foochow and the date for opening negotiations will be decided after instructions have been received from his Government.

SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM.

Shanghai, December 30.

It is said that Bolshevik representatives are now in touch with certain important personages with the view to planning how to spread Bolshevism in China, and that a very big sum will be spent for the purpose.

MONEY WANTED.

Shanghai, December 30.

The Financial Ministry is now daily negotiating with the foreign Powers for a loan of \$6,000,000.

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Shanghai, December 30.

The conference on the Foochow incident will take place in Peking.

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

London, Dec. 29.

The "Daily Telegraph's" New York correspondent states that revolt in the Republican ranks is threatened unless Senator Lodge soon shows tangible results in the way of amending, re-arranging, ratification of the Peace Treaty. A revolution is to be expected within a month, unless changes supported by 64 votes in the Senate, and the Democratic side, taking the lead, are able to bring about a revolution of a wider

FIRE ON THE MONTEAGLE.

WHILST IN DOCK AT KOWLOON.

VESSEL MAY BE DELAYED SOME WEEKS.

A somewhat serious configuration broke out this morning at half-past seven o'clock on board the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service Company's vessel Monteagle whilst in dry dock at Kowloon.

The vessel was lying in No. 1 dock at Kowloon, where she went yesterday for overhaul. The fire was noticed at 7.30 at the bottom of the shop in the engine room, and it spread within a few minutes to the engine room's stores. The engine room was soon like a furnace and the smoke began to come out of the port-holes on the other side where the stores were, which was just below the alley ways on the tween decks, right in the middle of the ship. The smoke was suffocating and great trouble was experienced in getting down to the seat of the fire. Moreover, the coal bunkers on the side of the ship where the fire originated got overheated and started giving out smoke.

The Fire Brigade had to attend to that immediately to obviate

explosions which would certainly have occurred if the men were not quick on this job.

Two fire engines belonging to the Kowloon Dock Company were early on the scene and the Fire Brigade float was also requisitioned. The engines from the workshops were also working through the hydrant system.

As to the origin of the fire, it is said that ship's fireman was drawing off a quantity of oil from a large oil-drum in the engine room when the receptacle he was filling overflowed, with the result that some of the oil came in contact with a lighted candle which was being used by a dock hand in his work aboard the ship. The burning oil then spread rapidly along the decks and fruitless efforts were made to extinguish the flames. Many of the lead pipes in the engine room were completely destroyed, several copper pipes badly twisted and damage also done to the plates on the port side of the vessel, whilst the store room also badly suffered.

The Monteagle was due to sail on January 3rd, but in consequence of the damage which she has suffered it is expected that she will be delayed for three weeks or a month.

The outbreak was quelled by about 10 o'clock, the Fire Brigade returning at 11.30 a.m.

RICE SNATCHERS.

GANG OF BLACKMAILERS.

The existence of a gang of blackmailers was revealed by Inspector Brazil at the Police Court this morning, when he charged two Chinese men with snatching rice from two Chinese women. In the words of Inspector Brazil, this gang of scalliwags, which included the two defendants, made it a practice of intercepting people who brought small quantities of rice from the country and compelling them to sell it under pains of having it forcibly confiscated. The two women in question arrived in the Colony from the Pingshan district, with 100 catties of rice contained in two baskets and a bag. They were accosted by the gang at Douglas wharf, and an attempt was made by the thieves to force the women to sell the grain. Failing in this, they resorted to snatching, which resulted in their own undoing. A hue and cry having been raised, the gang dispersed, but the two defendants were at length arrested by a constable and a watchman. At the Police Court this morning the arrested men were each given three months' imprisonment.

HONGKONG'S ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.

"Hongkong Telegraph" Special.

A change that is somewhat unusual for any community to have to witness is about to be made in the nature of the electricity supplied in Hongkong, that is a change that is worthy of more than mere passing notice. It is a change that will affect practically all users of the current, and by reason of that fact a few words regarding it will doubtless be read with interest.

Perhaps it would be better to preface any remarks by a very short history. It was in 1889 that the Hongkong Electric Company, on its formation, laid down the generating plant at Wan Chai, installing machinery for generating alternating current at a periodicity of 75 cycles per second. That last-named technical fact is important, because it has now given rise to many difficulties that were not then foreseen.

Generating sets had not been standardised. In these early days, frequency or periodicity varied considerably all over the world, and there were set up

public electricity-concerns supplying current varying from 133 cycles downwards, and 75 cycles was at that time considered a low periodicity. For purposes of lighting this variation has no effect until the periodicity is reduced below 40 cycles, when the light begins to flicker. But, for power purposes, it means that a wide range of working in motors and fans had to be made to suit the varying currents.

Makers of motors and fans had to supply certain districts with certain types, and of course for Hongkong the goods supplied had to suit the current. But for a long time past the machinery at Wan Chai has been unable to meet the growing demands and a new generating station at North Point is about to go into commission.

With the growth of knowledge on matters electrical, experts have discovered that the maximum efficiency in a general current used by a public community for both power and lighting is attained with a frequency of between 50 and 60 cycles. In fact it is now the standard in England to have 50 cycles and in America 60.

In installing their new machinery at North Point, the Hongkong Electric Company decided to bring the nature of the power it supplies into line with the modern in short, to standardise it.

It is this standardisation that will involve, eventually, a change in all the fans and motors now using the 75 cycle current.

Most readers are aware of the great difficulties the Company encountered, owing to the war, in obtaining their new machinery, and how last year the Wan Chai supply was augmented by a partial supply from North Point, made possible by the installation of two steam generator sets purchased from the Kowloon Docks. But now that the new machinery is practically ready for working, the Company naturally desires to further relieve the Wan Chai load, and this it will do early in the New Year by supplying the eastern and western portions of the Colony with the new current. At present one might say for a considerable time there will be no change in the nature of the current supplied to the central portions of the City. In the easterly direction the present change will not affect any consumers west of Happy Valley, whilst on the western side of the City the new current will not be supplied beyond a line of which all consumers affected will have the honor.

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NOTICE

INDIAN SHILLINGENDER'S FOR MURDER TRIAL.

Unparalleled in the history of criminal trials in Canada, a sensational case has just concluded in the Vancouver courts.

An Indian, named Simon Peter Gun-a-Noot, who for thirteen years eluded arrest and finally gave himself up to the police, has been acquitted on a charge of murdering a half-breed packer named Alexander McIntosh, early on the morning of June 19, 1906, on the Two-Mile Trail near Hazelton in one of the fastnesses of Western Canada.

Sums estimated at over £10,000 were spent in the search for Gun-a-Noot, who is one of the best-known Indians in British North America. He surrendered in order that his innocence might be established.

Outlining the details of the case, the Crown Prosecutor said that McIntosh was found dead on the trail, shot in the back. The Two-Mile Inn, where the tragedy occurred, was a low drinking-house where a number of men, including McIntosh and Gun-a-Noot, were carousing on the night of June 18.

Quarrelling appeared to have culminated in a fight in the early hours of the morning. Gun-a-Noot was bleeding at the mouth as the result, when another man stepped between him and his adversary to shake hands.

Gun-a-Noot was alleged to have departed, saying as he went: "I'll go away now, and come back later and fix you." Five hours later McIntosh was dead.

The Indian was seen riding furiously away about two hours after the fight, and he was not seen again in the locality until June 24, 1919.

When the police went to Gun-a-Noot's hut they found Simon's three horses killed, one with a pick-axe. Later they found the place surrounded with dogs picketed in a circle so that nobody could get near. Simon was gone and his departure was on the same day as the murder. Since then for thirteen years he had wandered about the mountains of the West, living nobody knew how.

The witness at the trial said he saw Simon weeping and crying disconsolately, ejaculating: "I kill a white man, anybody say I kill two it's a lie."

Another witness said that the man's words were: "Kill one man, white man; didn't kill two; white man say kill two, he lie." Simon did not say he himself had done the killing.

No actual evidence was forthcoming of anyone having seen McIntosh shot.

After the acquitted by the jury, who deliberated for only 16 minutes, the Crown decided not to proceed with a second charge against Gun-a-Noot of murdering a half-breed named St. Claire on the same morning that McIntosh was killed.

GENERAL NEWS.

HOME RULE FOR MALTA.

Malta is to have a measure of home rule. Beginning with 1921, it is expected, she will have self-government for purely local affairs. The announcement was made in the House of Commons recently.

NOT UNDRESSED FOR 9 YEARS.

At a recent Kensington inquest on Annie Sargood, 75, widow of Portland-road, W., who was found dead in her chair, having succumbed to heart disease, it was stated that since the death of her husband nine years ago she had never undressed or slept in her bed. It was her habit to sleep in the chair in which she was found. "She thought it was too much trouble to undress and get into bed," said her niece.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



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SCHOOLBOY MARRIES WIDOW.

DIVORCE COURT TALE.

AMERICA'S DEMAND FOR BRITISH GOODS.

FACTORIES UNABLE TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY.

The story of a youth who, before he had left school, married a widow with two children, and took her to his parents' home for Christmas without disclosing the fact of the wedding, was told in the Divorce Court recently, when Mr. Justice Horridge granted a decree nisi to Raymond Rice Byrne on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Lieut. M. J. Goliath, of the Royal Air Force.

At the time of the marriage, it was stated, petitioner was 19, while respondent, who was employed as a waitress in a London club, gave her age as 25.

When they went to a registry office and petitioner stated his age, the Registrar refused to marry them, so they went to another office, where petitioner said he was 21. This was in November, 1916.

At Christmas the couple went to see the husband's parents, respondent going under her earlier name of Mrs. Hampton Lewis. While they were there the marriage was revealed through an anonymous letter.

The match, in the words of petitioner's counsel, was most unhappy from the very first. Petitioner was subsequently gazetted to the R.A.F., and the co-respondent, whom he met in August, 1917, at the house of some friends, was also an R.A.F. officer. Co-respondent became infatuated with Mrs. Byrne, and by September, 1917, was found to be living at Carte's Cottage, Lower Willingdon, Sussex, where he was joined by respondent. They were said by a witness to have called each other "Goe" and "Peggy."

Among the letters read was one in which respondent wrote:

If he (petitioner) wishes to be free again, we could arrange that I gave him the evidence he wanted through solicitors, on condition that he settles the allowance I am getting now on me for life, but not unless...

The suit was undefended, and Mr. Justice Horridge, while remarking that the case

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WOMEN AND INDUSTRY.

THE FUTURE DISCUSSED.

There are two main facts that have emerged from much discussion and investigation on the question of Women in Industry. Firstly, that there are two distinct interpretations of "Equal Pay for Equal Work"—one the Government interpretation set forth in the Majority Report of the War Cabinet Committee, and the other the trade union interpretation set forth in Mrs. Sidney Webb's Minority Report. The former interprets "Equal Pay for Equal Work" as equal pay for equally efficient work, i.e., equal piece rates; the latter as equal pay for a similar job, i.e., equal time rates. Secondly, that having determined upon their respective interpretations, the investigators find that in normal times the question of "Equal Pay for Equal Work," meaning equal pay for exactly the same work, hardly ever arises. Industry divides itself into men's work and women's work, and with the exception of the cotton operatives, who have solved their own problem, work which is common to men and women rarely occurs.

If a new industry were started to-morrow, and men and women were both employed, it would very soon be found that certain jobs were performed by men, and certain other jobs were performed by women; the women's jobs in nearly all cases being the less highly-skilled and the less well-paid. In these circumstances it would be very difficult for a Government arbitrator or Wages Tribunal to determine whether the women were being paid in proportion to their efficiency.

The present time is a particularly critical and difficult one for women workers. The transition from war-time work to peace-time work is causing a good deal of unemployment and a keen competition for the jobs which are open to them. Public sympathy is extended to those women who are being deprived of their jobs at the present time; but at the same everybody realises that the men have the first claim to employment, and that the admission of women to many trades has been a concession on the part of the men for the war period only.

What, then, is woman's best hope for the future? I can see no other solution but a great extension of trade union organisation amongst women, and a working agreement with trade union men. So long as women remain unorganised, they will be looked upon with suspicion and mistrust by working men; they will be excluded from many trades and industries in which men could do efficient work, and will be forced to enter into competition one with another in a limited field of work.

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LOST WORLD IN REAL LIFE.

MONSTER'S CHARGE IN AFRICAN VILLAGE.

The head of the local museum here has received information from a Mr. Lepage, who was in charge of railway construction in the Belgian Congo, of an exciting adventure last month.

While Mr. Lepage was hunting he came upon an extraordinary monster which charged at him. He fired but was forced to flee, with the monster in chase. The animal before long gave up the chase, and Mr. Lepage was then able to examine it through his binoculars. It was, he says, about 24ft. in length, with a long pointed snout, adorned with tusks like horns, and a short horn above the nostrils. The front feet were like those of a horse and the hind hoofs were cloven. There was a saclike hump on the monster's shoulders.

The animal later charged through the native village of Funigurume, destroying the huts and killing some of the native dwellers. A hunt was at once organised, but the Government has forbidden the molestation of the animal on the ground that it is probably a relic of antiquity.

There is a wild, trackless region in the neighbourhood, which contains many swamps and marshes, where, says the head of the museum, it is possible that a few primeval monsters may survive.

Central News.

The interest of the foregoing story, with its suggestion of Conan Doyle's "Lost World," lies in the fact that it tends to strengthen the belief, held by many undoubted authorities, in the survival of certain monsters of the prehistoric age in the swamps of Central Africa.

The Belgian Congo borders on Rhodesia, and the late Karl Hagenbeck, in his well-known book "Beasts and Men," has left on record his own conviction that in this region there still exists "some kind of dinosaur, seeming-akin to the brontosaurus."

Hagenbeck says he received reports on the subject from two independent sources. The beast to which he refers was described by natives as "half elephant and half dragon." Precisely similar reports, he points out, were received from the negroes by Menges several decades previously, while on the walls of certain caverns in Central Africa actual drawings of these strange creatures are to be found.

open to them, thus keeping down the whole level of women's wages. But if they could become strongly organised in trade unions, so that the men had nothing to fear from undercutting, their work and wages could be so adjusted by mutual agreement as to give proper opportunities and a proper standard of wages to women.

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It will be welcome news to housewives says a Home journal that the profound mystery of 7½d. for a reel of cotton is to be probed remorselessly.

Mr. McCurdy, answering criticism of the Profiteering Act made by the Consumers' Council at their meeting yesterday, said that it was perhaps unfortunate that the public were so interested in the petty retail transactions that came before the local tribunals that they forgot the much more important work of the Central Committee.

There was nothing petty or retail about the work of the Central Committee. The Central Committee was aiming high. They had started by inquiring into three of the greatest monopolies which affect the consumer in this country—sewing cotton, tobacco, and soap.

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Similar conferences had been held for the purpose of examining the prices and profits of blankets, brushes, men's and women's ready-made clothing. The conference on men's clothing, to take an illustration, included representatives of the textile operatives, of the Garment Workers' Union, the Anti-Sweating League, and of woollen and worsted manufacturers.

A separate conference of a similar character dealt with women's clothes. In hardware they were commencing their investigations upon such domestic items as galvanised buckets, tin kettles, enamelled pails, fire shovels, iron, tin, and copper saucepans. Mrs. Reeves, of the Consumers' Council, is presiding over the conference which deals with these articles.

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THE OLD AND NEW.

Another year has almost gone and by the time we publish again we shall be subscribing the round figure of 1920 as the current date. It is strange, on looking back, how quickly the years go; how gradual is the process of change, and yet how remorseless is the turning of the wheel that is always carrying forward the actual present. It is always to-day, but behind there is growing a greater and greater stock of experience, a greater store of things done, of things obsolete, of advancement achieved. By research we can read a great deal of the history of the past and can get some glimpse of the very earliest stages from which we have evolved, but to where all is leading—to what is the eventual—there is a merciful ignorance. Conjecture is our only guide—conjectures that try to interpret the mystery in the light of man's better parts, in obedience to his highest instincts. And with the passing of each year it is but natural that there should be a mental stocktaking, a retrospective review of what has transpired during the intervening twelve months; for it is only by indulging in some such thought that a gauge can be found to measure our progress. Looking at the principal world-important events one could find a very great deal to which to dwell, and on which one could legitimately build hopeful anticipation of a fruitful year ahead. But a glance at local happenings might be of more interest at this time.

One can truly say that the year has been free from startling local developments. True it is that Hongkong has shared in the general transition of the world from war-time conditions to the freer days of peace. Practically the whole of men who left during the war for the sterner duties of the hour have now returned and are pursuing their former avocations with a sense of "something attempted, something done." There have been important changes in the personnel of the Colony's administrators; we have said goodbye to an undoubtedly capable Governor and have welcomed his successor in eulogistic terms. In matters of trade there have been abnormal fluctuations, due to the unusual conditions of the money market; in ship-building there has been an extremely satisfactory output from both Docks—it is a question if the year does not mark a record in that respect. The few manufacturers that the Colony does possess have enjoyed a year of steady output. As regards development, the year has witnessed the completion or near completion of important roads and a great deal of improvement in existing roads. Unfortunately, the problem of housing, that was so acute at this time last year, is even more so, but hopes are being built on the promises that have been made by the Government and work has actually been commenced with the Wan Chai Gap scheme. Housing is by far the most important need of the moment and should be given prompt and undivided attention. We have seen also the passing of many war-time measures, not the least important of which has been the very recent repeal of the Ordinance that imposed compulsory military service. There were one or two domestic crises that called for action on the part of the Government, the most outstanding of which was the rice supply and the control of this staple food by the authorities. Crime of a serious nature was unfortunately recrudescence, but to these matters of domestic life the Government has given recent consideration. One could go on to recall other happenings that obsessed public opinion at the time, but, summing everything up, one can rightly say that the year has seen Hongkong "pursuing the even tenour of its way."

There is one danger, and it is a grave one. That because of that even tenour, satisfaction—the satisfaction that dulls the vital nerves of energy and engenders a complacent slothfulness—will creep in. There is no room for satisfaction in Hongkong. There are many things needed yet to make this easternmost British Colony a better, a healthier, a happier place to live in; to make it secure in its position as the gateway to Southern China; to give its possibilities and opportunities a chance of full development. One could write a book on the last-named item alone. A few days ago, when commenting on another matter, we had occasion to touch on the spirit manifested by our administrators and officials generally, and saw fit to remark that an enlivened spirit, a broader conception of the needs and a consequently greater freedom in their treatment, was manifestly desirable. And with the ushering in of the New Year, at a time when one looks back and forward, we would venture to assert that truth again. Actuated purely by the desire to help and to present as far as possible the public view, we have often seen fit during the past year to comment strongly on current happenings and to take this opportunity of announcing our intention to still further interest ourselves actively in public doings. We see around us many things that call for change or revision and shall not hesitate to say so on occasion, merite. With the coming of the New Year we would wish all our readers a prosperous year, hoping that the New Year will bring a great deal of what is good, will bring us many successes, and that Hongkong will have many more years of prosperity and further development.

NOTES & COMMENTS**THE TENNIS LEAGUE.**

We see that the Hongkong Tennis League is to hold its annual meeting in about a fortnight's time, when entries for the forthcoming season will be asked for and arrangements made for the fixing up of matches. Last year, though some good tennis was provided in the various contests, it was distinctly disappointing that there was only one Division in the League, for this robbed the matches of much of their interest, it being clear from the start that one or other of the "A" teams would win the championship.

More than that, all the "B" teams entering did so in the belief that there would be a Second Division and were greatly surprised, on receiving the fixture list, to see that they were up against a number of teams of immensely superior calibre. It is good, we admit, for inferior players to meet better men occasionally, but it is a trifle disheartening for a Club to enter a League well knowing that it has no earthly chance of getting anywhere near the top of the table and to experience a number of severe trouncings.

The real sportsman, of course, does not go in for League competitions for what he can win in the way of medals or cups, but it is equally the case that Leagues are not usually run for the sake of giving three or four teams the opportunity of making mincemeat of others not of their standard.

A SUGGESTION.

The idea of any sporting League is to raise the standard of play, to bring new players together, to encourage a sociable spirit and to create friendly rivalry for the honours at stake. The Tennis League, as run last year, served some of those purposes, but the knowledge that some of the Clubs had that they must of necessity be content with a very lowly position did not encourage enthusiastic participation in the contests. With a dozen or more teams entering, it ought to be

possible to arrange for two Divisions, as in other years. Then

those of the "B" Class would feel that they had a real interest in the competition, instead of fulfilling the function of providing opportunity for "A" teams to inflict heavy defeats on players of less experience. If this arrangement is not practicable, then it is to be hoped that some scheme will be devised whereby when an "A" team meets a "B" team the former will be required to play on a handicap of so many games knocked off the total score. The

Tennis League has done wonders in raising the standard of play in Hongkong, but, after all, it should exist principally for the lesser experienced teams who, if it were run on proper lines, would find it of real value from every stand-point. It is to be hoped that the points here raised will be given sympathetic consideration at the coming annual meeting.

HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

We are wondering whether the local Harbour Regulations are as strictly observed as they ought to be, or whether they are even

sufficiently stringent in a re-

spects. We have particularly in

mind the case of launches which

take in tow bunches of junks or

lighters laden sky-high with cargo.

The other day we noticed a typical

instance in which a launch was

proceeding through the harbour

with a huge native junk on

either side piled up with bale

upon bale of produce, the

consequence being that it

was utterly impossible for

the coxswain of the launch to see

anywhere but straight ahead of him. Surely that sort of thing ought not to be permitted. Then we

should like to know whether there

are any limits to the number of

boats which a launch may take in tow. It is a common sight to

see a whole string of junks and

sampans being towed by a launch

and some little time back we

observed a foreign naval flotilla

on Saturday (the Theatre Royal

on Saturday) has achieved it. She

had eight years' study in Eng-

land, and one year in Paris with

Signor Steffani, learnt to sing in

four foreign languages (Russian,

German, French and Italian) and

by that time she was qualified to

appear at the best concerts in

England and did so appear. She

had a successful career all over

Britain, during which she has

sung at the Royal Albert Hall,

Queen's Hall, London Opera

House, the Palladium (for the

National Sunday League) on the

Oxford Stoll music tour, the

Boat Race, Red Cross Tour

and with Miss Hemingway's

party. She has played

in several parts of England and

in America, Marie MacLaine

is the name of this

young singer, and she has

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FROM THE PULPIT.

GOD'S SUFFICIENCY AND
MAN'S MISTRUST.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie at Union Church on Sunday morning. Text.—Psalm 78:20.

We are at another of those way marks on this last Sunday of one more year; shall we make it a pointer or a boundary? Every stage of our life brings this alternative with it, and so in especial do the marked emergencies and crises of life. Are we to draw quiet hope from our retrospect of the past, or only a sense of having reached the end of all resources? There is always temptation to take the latter view, and it is generally possible to marshal an array of facts and circumstances supporting it.

The mind has a selective power, and some of us choose out the hopeful and cheering items in the mingled mass before us, while others bring together all that may be discouraging. "Optimists" and "pessimists" we have taken to calling these classes respectively. I remember the time when anyone making use of these two words had to stop and explain them, but they are in every mouth now, and sometimes one could wish they had never been coined. If you think that anything in our times and tendencies is seriously amiss, and say so, you are dubbed pessimist, and classed with Cassandra, Jeremiah and others of that ilk, of whom it is still the fashion to speak with contempt, although all the world knows that they were right and those who refused to listen to them were wrong.

On the other hand, every self-satisfied chattering monger who can spin a flattering tale and blindly point the blind to a fool's paradise, poses as an optimist, laughs, and invites the world to laugh with him, and build stucco villas on the sand.

Now the study of history has been rightly said to be a great cure for pessimism. It is the case also that history puts a check upon facile, shallow optimism, which flies away with its everlasting "Don't worry," though Rome may be burning, and will keep it up I suppose till the day of judgment. History does not answer all our questions, but it does show that mere "don't worry" runs upon the rocks, and, on the other hand, that brave and believing hearts bring many an argosy into port when the chances seemed all for shipwreck.

During the dark days of the war I found myself reflecting that life had been to me a succession of reproofs for disbelief. I do not mean unbelief wilful and indulged, but just that besetting tendency which I suppose most of us experience more or less strongly if we take things at all to heart. We have seen many a mountain of difficulty shrink away; many a seemingly impassable river has been forded; many a human extremity has shown itself before our eyes to be a Divine opportunity. Yet next time our faithless hearts are much where they used to be, until we call to mind the enheartening past, luminous with the track of the footstep whose way at time was in the sea, moving in ways mysterious. Happy are the souls who find in God's successive providences successive confirmations of their own unswerving trust. Many of us,

maintain its hold. Mankind has been at the dangerous game of war on a scale which involved the whole world directly or indirectly. We have been expecting pretty confidently that compensating good results would presently arise from the disturbance, and we have had a great deal to say as to the splendid qualities which are exercised when the call to arms gives a chance to the inherent heroism of human nature. Still the fact remains that war in itself is the essence of unreason, that within limits at the best, and at worse with little limit at all, it repeals the moral law, making it right for the time being to lie and steal and kill, to deceive and distress and enslave one's neighbour, whom it is one's duty to love. This moral anarchy is supposed to last only for the duration of a war, but there was never war yet which did not prove with miserable completeness that it is easier to repeal the ten Commandments than to get them re-enacted. Wars not only dislocate trade and break up institutions, they break down men's moral standards and confuse their consciences. The late war we believe to have been at bottom

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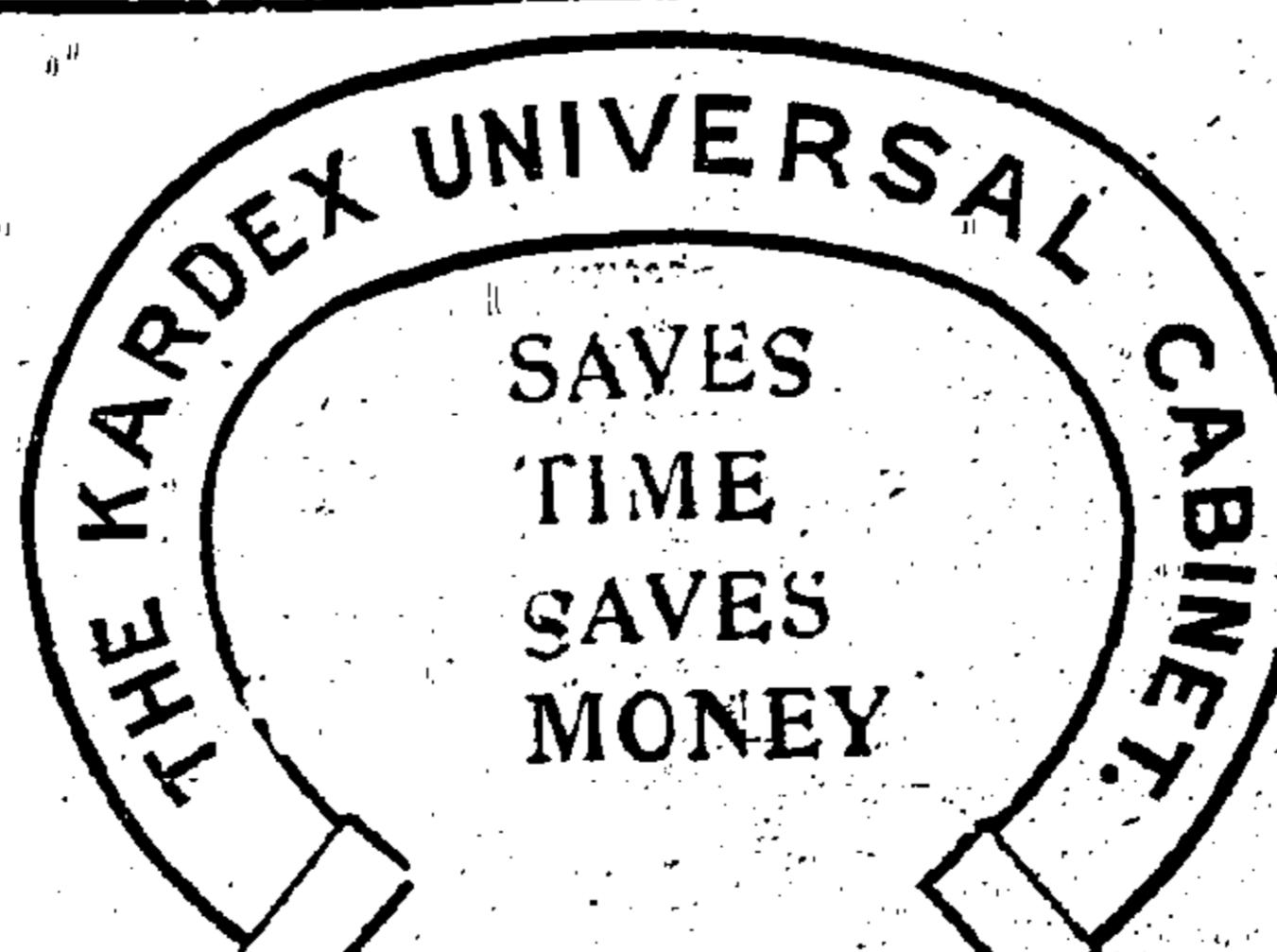
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NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED

In the Matter of the Trading with the Enemy Ordinances 1914-1919.

NOTICE is for general information hereby given that pursuant to the powers contained in the above Ordinances the under-mentioned shares and all rights, whether legal or equitable in respect thereof, were vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property, Hongkong, who pursuant to the said powers has recently sold the same by private tender and Notice is also given that pursuant to the aforesaid powers new Certificates in respect of the said shares have been issued by the above named Company to the Purchaser and that all other Certificates whatsoever in respect of the above shares have been noted in the books of the said Company as cancelled and Notice is further given that in consequence of the foregoing all outstanding Certificates in respect of the said shares are valueless for all purposes whatsoever.

The shares referred to above are the following:-

Shareholder's Name	No. of old shares	No. of new shares	Registered Nos. of old shares
The Executors of Mrs. Lucia M. C. Nicaise	50	10	34171/34195 inclusive 34196/34220 "
Wilhelm Otto Christian Spalckhaver	75	15	28369/28393 " 37687/37711 " 25815/25839 "
Dr. Ferdinand Korn	40	8	27305/27314 " 27315/27324 " 27325/27334 " 27335/27344 "
Norddeutscher Lloyd	4	0	35185/35188 "
Johann Nicolaus Goesmann	1	0	41989 "
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Dated this 30th day of December 1919.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

President: His Excellency Sir R.E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Governor.
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Friday, January 9th, at 7 p.m., until about 11 p.m.

Preliminary Bouts in Novices' Competitions. Forty Competitors. Middleweight, Welterweight, Lightweight and Featherweight.

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. NO PREVIOUS BOOKING. Cash or admission. Prices: \$2, \$1, and 50 cents. No half-price seats.

Saturday, January 10th, at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

Semi-Finals and Finals in Novices' Competitions.

Also a Six-round Welterweight Contest and a Ten-round Featherweight Contest.

Also a FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST for the WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

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BOOKING AT MOUTRIES, as follows:-

Wednesday, January 7th—Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association only.

Thursday to Saturday, January 8th-10th—General Booking.

Judges: Lt-Colonel Loring, Major Rapson, Lt. Ansdell, R.N. and Lt. Dickinson, R.N.

Referees: Messrs. H.J. Gedge (Official Referee), W. Logan, A. Murdoch and J.S. McCann.

G. G. N. Tinson
Hon. Secretary.

J.C. WILDIN
Manager.

NOTICE.

CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD.

Shareholders are reminded that a Second Extraordinary General meeting of the above named Company (notice of which was duly given on the 10th inst.) will be held at the offices of Messrs.

Gibb, Livingston and Company, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday the 13th day of January 1920, for the purpose of confirming, if thought fit, as a special Resolution,

the following Resolution which was duly passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 29th inst., viz:-

That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Ernest

Alfred Mountford Williams of the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews of Chartered Bank Buildings Queen's Road Central Victoria aforesaid be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up, at such remuneration as may be arranged between the said Harrisons and Crosfield Limited and the Liquidator.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.

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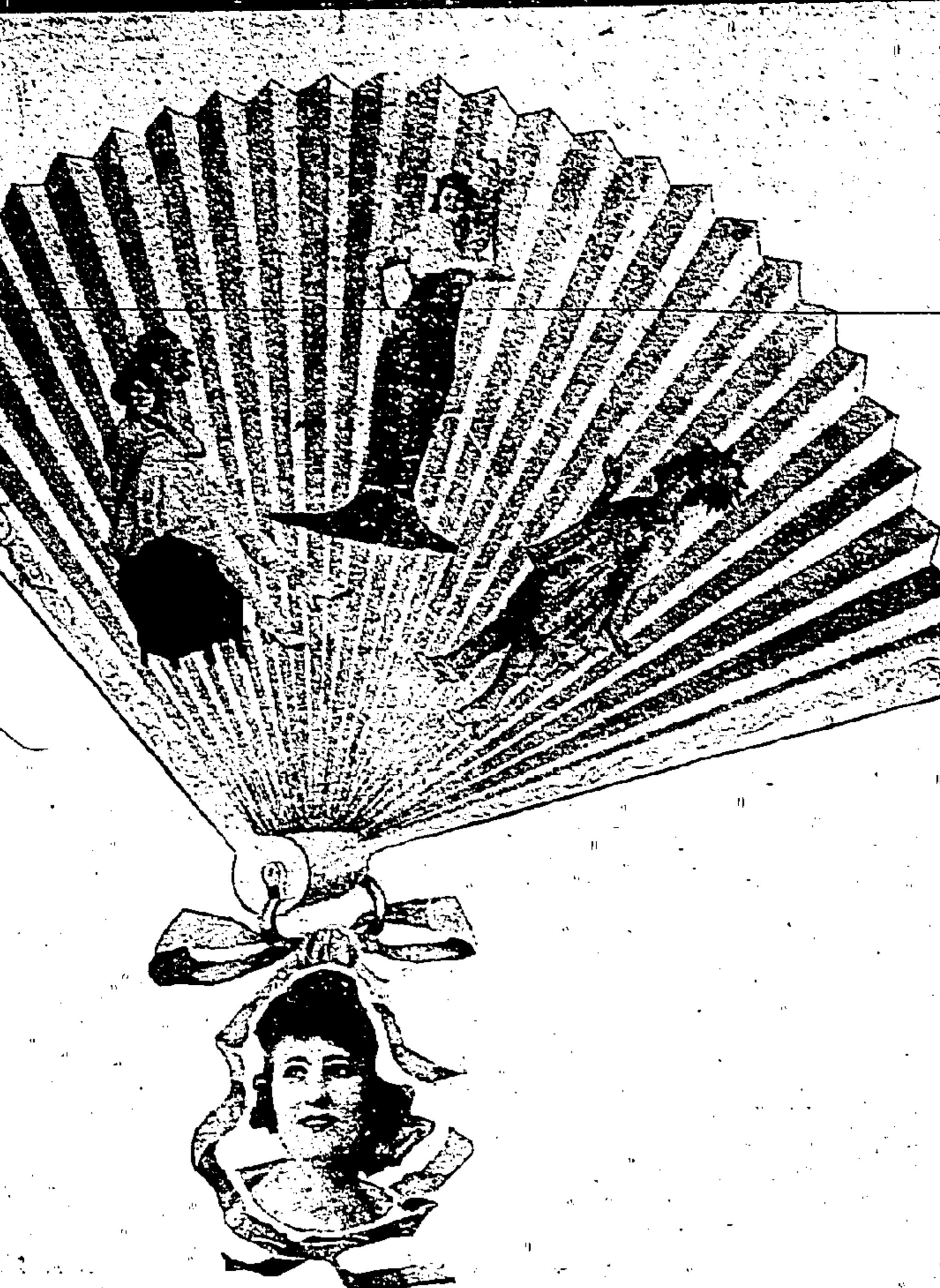
REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

A Ball will be held on the evening of the 1st. of January, 1920, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Tickets including Buffet Supper can be obtained at the Hongkong Hotel Main Office at \$3. per head.

Dinner will not be served at the Repulse Bay Hotel on the opening night.

J. H. TAGGART,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

A public telephone will be installed in the new chair shelter at the bottom of the Peak Road as from the 1st prox.

E. D. C. VOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1919.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

An important joint Meeting of the GENERAL and BOXING COMMITTEE of the above Association will take place at the Office of Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Prince's Buildings, on Monday, January 5th, at 5 p.m. Members are requested to make it convenient to attend.

G. G. N. TINSON.
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, January, 1919.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Wednesday 14th January 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 1st January to

Wednesday 14th January 1920 (both days inclusive) during

which period no Transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER
Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for the

West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

MOTOR BUS SERVICE

Hongkong Hotel to Repulse Bay Hotel.

Commencing on the 1st January, 1920, the DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO. will run a MOTOR BUS SERVICE from the HONGKONG HOTEL to the REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

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In connection with the opening and Ball at the Repulse Bay Hotel, Buses will leave the Hongkong Hotel on January 1st, between the following times:

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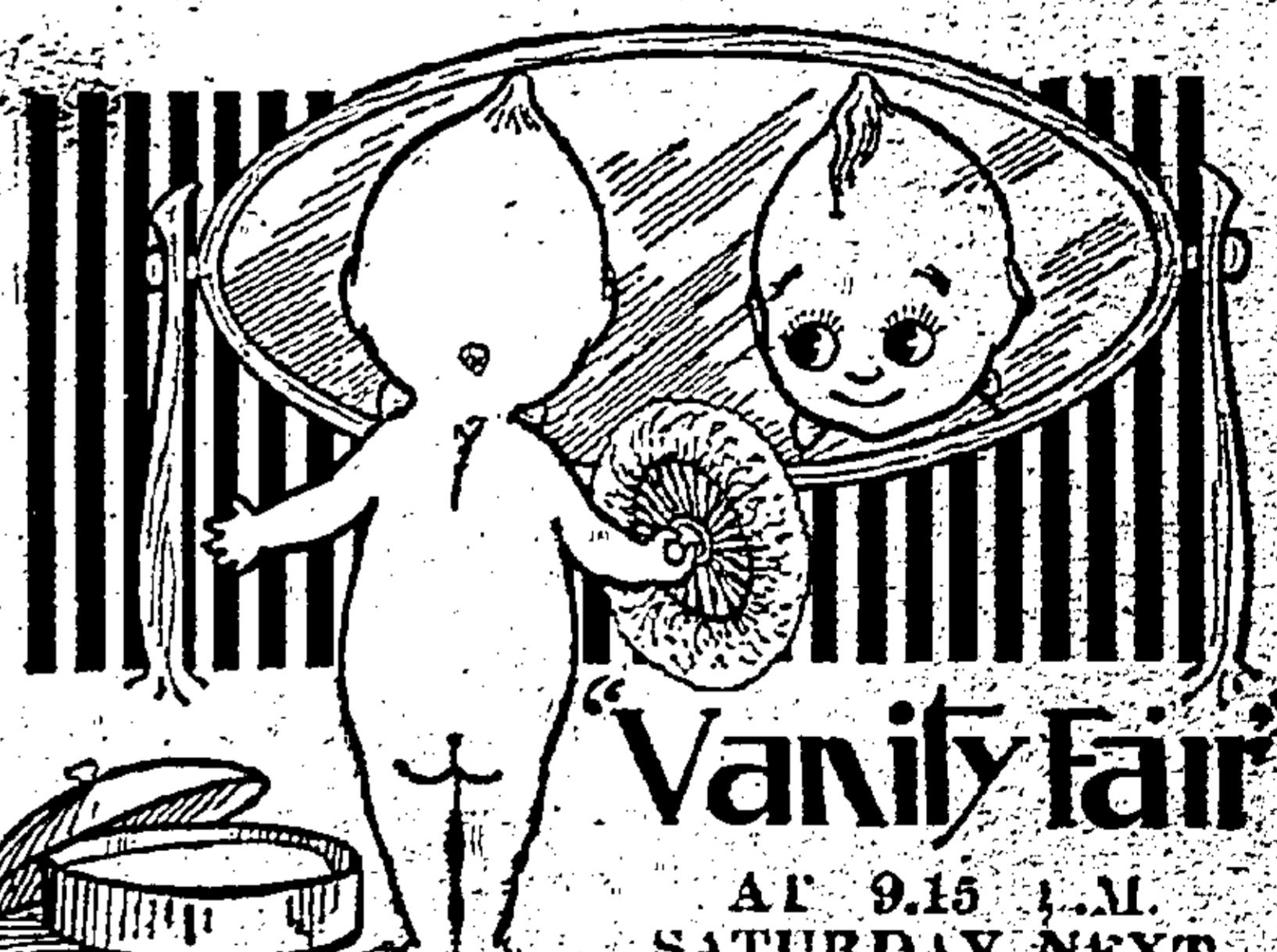
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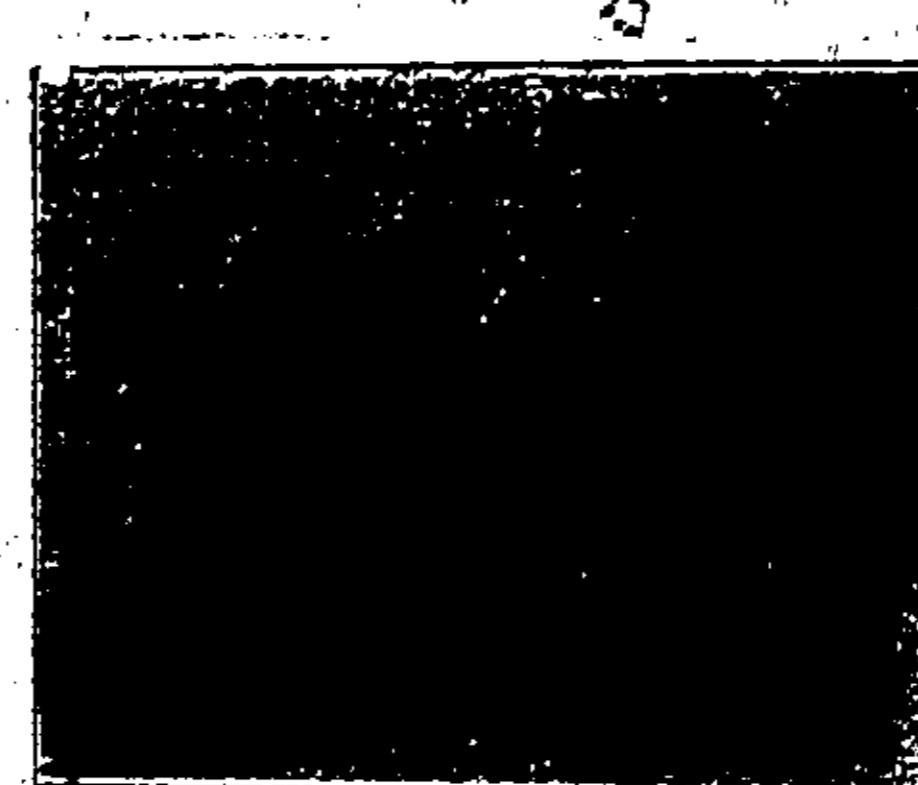
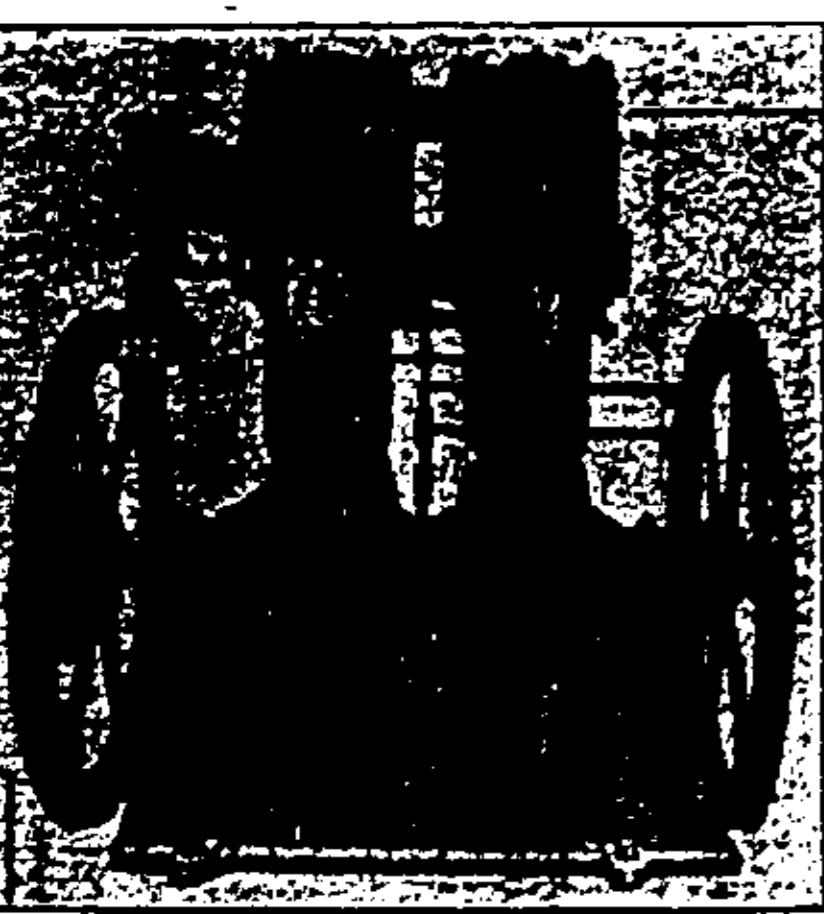
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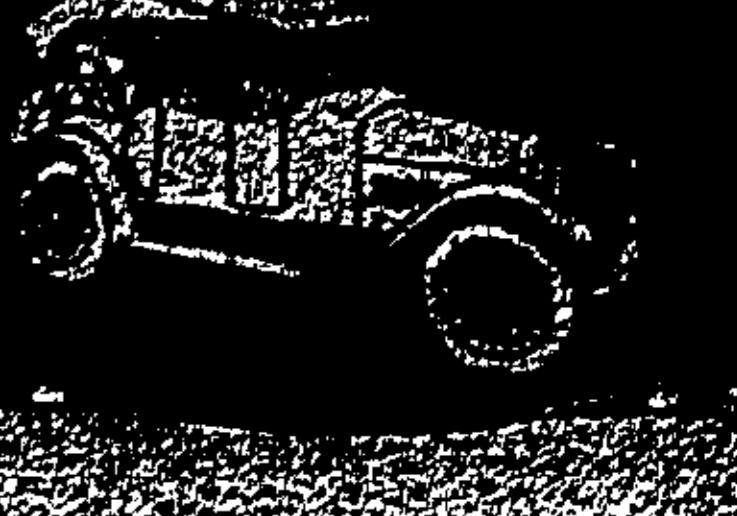
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Just What Does He Mean?



BY BLOSSER

THE MERCURY



T. YOUNG SER. 10

FROM THE PUEBLO

(Continued from Page 5)

A war to vindicate right against mere might, yet in our own land and America it has been followed by repeated attempts to appeal to mere force in industrial disputes, as if "direct action" was a crime when Germany resorted to it to improve its international position, and becomes praiseworthy on the part of sections of a community demanding concessions from the rest.

The truth is that the whole life and order of the world have been violently upheaved, indeed all but dislocated, and it is difficult to look for its resettlement on the old tracks in many respects, or for its settlement at all without many further oscillations. We are not at the end of troubles by some distance yet.

Is this pessimism? If so some of us will have to rest under the unpopular imputation, but time will show how far we may be right or wrong.

However there is a hope, indeed a convinced faith, which I believe we are entitled to cherish in the midst of all. It comes from remembering the dangers we have been already brought through, and it is that God, Who brought us through the war, is sufficient for all the perplexing problems which the war has left us.

God is sufficient for these as for all things; the only question is whether we shall avail ourselves of His sufficiency and fulfil the conditions under which it can avail us.

That, I think, is the kind of optimism which is going to help us.

The mere "don't worry" brand will go no length at all.

We have got to worry, and to work, and to be brave, and to be ready for further sacrifices, and to cease setting our hearts on having a good time other than that best of all good times which never fails to be the experience of every man and woman whose main concern in life is the cheerful discharge of duty, letting the good time take care of itself.

You will know I am sure the kind of worry I mean. I certainly don't mean unbelieving, unchristian, anxiety, as though we had no Heavenly Father to look to.

What one does mean is that if even God Himself is to bring good out of the welter of sorrow and sin the war has left us in, every man must settle down to play his part and every woman not less, for it is quite certain that the tremendous problems of the times can only be met by giving them the best of our thought, our prayer, our practical effort, each of us in our place and according to our ability.

Given such a spirit there is nothing which need appal even in the unpromising circumstances of the hour, with its burden of debt, its sense of exhaustion, its Bolshevik menace, its impoverishment of wealth, and worse, of young manhood.

For behind all that stands the God who made man for His own great purposes, and Who so loved the world that He gave for it His Son Who has surely borne our griefs and carried our sorrows and in all our affliction is Himself afflicted. He is behind it all and able to cause it all to work for good, but He works through our reasoned, believing and consecrated effort, and if we withhold these we take the most fatal means to limit the Holy One and bring His good intent to nought.

If we would win through the troubles of our time let us neither ignore them nor belittle them, but bravely meet them with our best, assured that He who smote the flinty rock is able to do even more than we ask or think.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Steamer

"BENLAWERS."

From ANTWERP MIDDLESEAS, LONDON & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Jan., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd Jan., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, L'VINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

FROM PENANG & SINGAPORE.

The Steamer

"HALVARD"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

H. M. H. NEMAZEE

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1919.

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LADY'S PAGE

SIMPLE DINNER GOWNS.



Brown faille silk makes the dress shown above. It has a full, long overskirt, and the waist is raised to a panel in the front; the round neck is softened with a fold of rose chiffon and the very short sleeves are trimmed with brown ostrich. A touch of the same brown ostrich is effective on the skirt.

The simplicity of this little frock should charm the debutante, whether she needs a dinner gown or afternoon frock.

Black satin, draped just enough at one side to raise the folds in soft, successive ripples, forms the skirt of this model. The foundation of the bodice is of black satin, also, cut after the fashion of a plain bandeau. Draped net, polka dotted with jet, falls from the waist as an overskirt, and is gathered over the bandeau as bodice. Quite the point of the entire costume is the jet girdle ending in pendant tassels with a foundation of green ribbon.

Designs of the Moment.

THE RUN-ABOUT GOWN HOLDS ITS OWN.

The selection of gowns now being shown proves that, despite the crinoline scare, the panniered dress and fuller skirt are the style in favour more exclusively for evening gowns or very dressy occasions, while the day dress destined to be worn beneath an enveloping cloak or cape-coat will retain the straight slim line of preceding seasons because it is an ideal gown for wearing under the cloak. For running in and out of trams and "metros" there is nothing more practical, and the Parisienne being as practical as she is economical, stands firmly by her friendly petite robe, as it is called.

CONCESSIONS TO THE CHINOLINE.

The only fulness allowed, therefore, in the daytime is the barrel effect of a skirt or full pockets at the sides on the hips. There are many models of this kind to be seen which are only differentiated from the models of the past season by new trimmings and by longer sleeves. For in spite of the Parisienne's taste for short sleeves in summer time, she is too frileuse to persist in wearing them now that cold chills have come.

The petite robe has also another advantage. It has almost completely done away with the wearing of that tortuous garment, le-corset. This is now almost obsolete, for with the petite robe, which has practically no waist line and whose charm lies in its looseness and suppleness it was useless to try and make an artificial waist-line.

So now the doctors are jubilant because fashion's decrees are now at last coinciding with their own in tabooing the antiquated corset. Instead of this, nearly all Parisiennes now wear a more or less elastic band around the body.

Some of these short corsets are accompanied by a bust band of embroidery or of fine jersey.

THE GOLF WITH A GOWN.

Time for golfing.

NOTTINGS.

ORNAMENTAL SPATS.

Spats—and light-coloured ones at that—are, I hear, to be a part of the smart woman's attire this winter. I have seen some elegant specimens in strong white linen, with a monogram or butterfly painted on the front! One pair had a realistic green serpent worked in silk coiled round the ankle. Some of the spats, beautifully cut in soft brown suede, and without foolish ornamentations, are really attractive and workmanlike articles.

A NOVEL BERET.

The ubiquitous beret must have a special touch of originality to justify its existence as it ranks with the crowd at once. A very smart girl wore one made, the one half of beaver and the other of narrow picot, edged corded ribbon of half a dozen different colours, all radiating from the centre of the tam-o'-shanter. It had a real touch of chic.

IS IT TRUE?

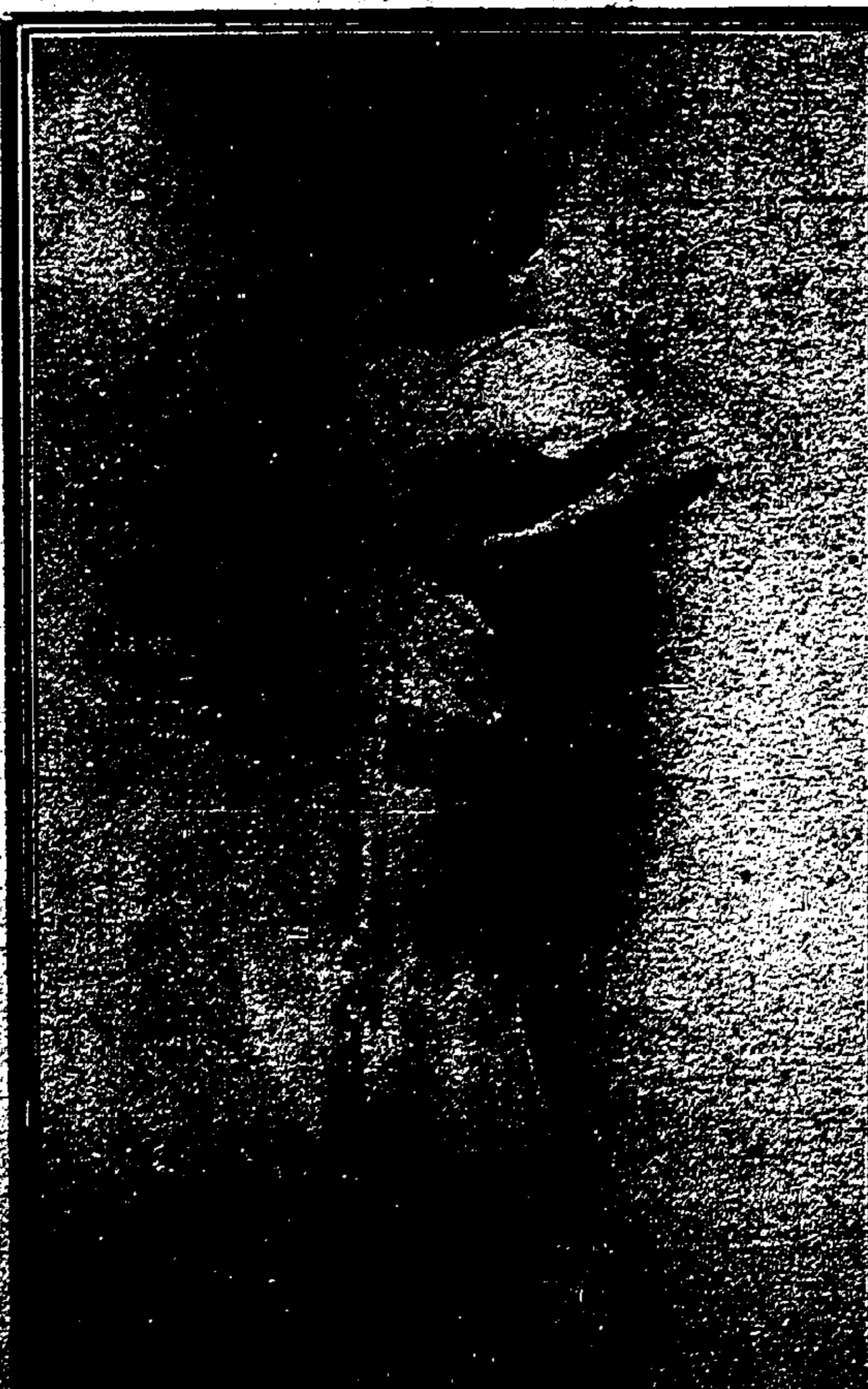
Once man did the dictating. What he said went. Woman's world was bounded by husband, father, or brother. But nowadays Mrs. Married asks: "Dearie, do you think I ought to wear the blue dress or the pink one?" and Mr. Married replies, "The blue one, darling," and she wears the pink dress. They call it the emancipation of women.

EGYPTIAN DECORATIONS NEXT.

Popular as the Chinese note has been in decoration, it seems as if it were about to be outdone by the Egyptian type of decoration, as exemplified in the latest cretonnes and ornaments. Some of the newest chair-covers and hangings are embellished with as many hieroglyphics, scarabs, serpents, and birds as Cleopatra's Needle, and their colouring is akin to that of the old Egyptian mummy wrappings in its blues, terra-cottas, and browns. Some delightful vases, and bowls too, are being made in exact imitation of those of baked clay with figures painted thereon in black, such as are found in the old Egyptian tombs.

There seems to be prejudice against the wash-tub in fashionable circles, which is in no way due to laundry prices. The un-washable robe is the latest craze in baby wear. At the recent christening of one of those silver-spoon atoms the robe was of soft georgette. The usual cascade of exquisite embroidery frills was replaced by rows of petal frounces in georgette. It looked perfectly lovely, though many mothers would prefer the robe of cambric or washing silk.

SPORTS COSTUME.



OF NAVY SERGE.



SOME SIMPLE REMEDIES.

WHEN TIRED TRY THESE.

It is the rare man or woman in these days who does not complain that he or she is "so tired."

Even the strong and energetic have occasional tired feelings, and the less vigorous put up a constant battle against fatigue.

Some physicians go so far as to warn people severely against becoming over-tired. Getting "so tired" too often is a dangerous business. If it becomes chronic it is a warning of organic trouble deserving the attention of an expert—but when it is the reasonable fatigue following hard work it may be relieved by simple home treatment.

If possible, when much fatigued, lie down, even for five minutes. Before lying down wring light-weight towels out of very hot water and lay over the eyes and forehead. Lie still, perfectly relaxed and quiet, until the towels cool.

If there is no time to lie down try drinking several glasses of water, either cold or hot. Stand before an open door or window and take a dozen very deep breaths.

If exceptionally tired drink a glass of milk, hot, or medium temperature, but never ice cold. Sip it slowly and eat a biscuit with it. Or break a raw egg in a glass and swallow it. Often fatigue is caused by hunger and lack of reserve strength.

When the eyes are tired and painful bathe them with an eyecup, or a small soft sponge dipped in a lotion made of a saturated solution of boracic acid in boiled water, to which is added a few drops of witch hazel.

For tired feet, bathe in a hot foot bath to which two table-spoons of vinegar is added. Or put a teaspoonful of boracic acid in a tubful of water.

Raw eggs are recognised by medical authorities as padding for worn nerves, prop for drooping bodies and lullabye for sleepless eyes.

The idea of a raw egg is not particularly palatable. In fact few people can take them undigested. But happily there are many ingenious and delicious disguises. Among the best are the following:

—EGG FOAM.
1 egg beaten light.
2 table-spoons granulated sugar.
1 wine glass of unfermented grape juice.
1-2 teaspoonfuls of lemon juice.

After mixing the above pour the mixture into a large sized water glass and fill same with ice-water. By use of a second glass rapidly pour the liquid back and forth from one to the other until it is thoroughly mixed. Serve with cracked ice.

This is a most effective reviver and may be drunk any time of the day without injuring the appetite for meals.

An excellent raw egg remedy for sleeplessness might be called an

—EGG NIGHT CAP.
1 egg beaten light.
1 cup of milk brought to a scalding point.
2 table-spoons of granulated sugar.
1 pinch of salt.
Nutmeg.

After beating the egg stir in thoroughly the sugar and salt. Continue to whip as you very slowly pour in the scalded milk. Be sure the milk is just at the scalding point. This can be ascertained by the steam beginning to form on the surface as it heats in the double boiler. When all the milk has been slowly whipped into the egg mixture, strain dash of nutmeg over the top. Serve immediately.

This drink taken just before going to bed is a valuable aid in the treatment of highly nervous insomnia. In the second place it

TWO SMART SUIT BLOUSES.



The blouse shown on the right is designed for more dressy wear. Its attractively irregular yoke is embroidered in bright contrasting colours in Persian design and finished with a narrow fringe. The blouse shown on the left is made in seal brown Georgette. The vest and collar are cut in one piece and are of tan Georgette. The cuffs match the collar, and both are finished with two sets of ruffles.

The broad, soft crowned sailor hat, relieved with the smart little ribbon bow, is also noteworthy in connection with this sketch.

YOUR EVENING HEADDRESS.

BANDEAUX AND FEATHERS.

Feathers, flowers and broaded bandeaux form the most up-to-date head-dresses. And if you do not like yourself decked out in feathers or with a bandeau tied round your forehead, then you can put a large comb at a receding angle and feel content.

One thing you must bear in mind when using a round feather—do not let either stand upright, as that will make you look exceedingly old-fashioned. The style of to-day is for weird angles so the more ridiculous the stand of the feather the more fashionable the head. But if you possess an artistic eye then do not disregard it too much for an ultra-stylish appearance which contains a freakish element does not show nearly such good taste as a moderately fashionable head-dress which is consistent with the recognised laws of beauty, and which is essentially becoming to the wearer.

Before buying an expensive feather ornament or an unusually costly jewelled bandeau, the wise woman will first try the effect with a home-made arrangement and so avert the tragedy of spending pounds on something that possibly detracts from instead of adding to the charm of her appearance.

All the new bandeaux this season are worn very low on the forehead. The wide ones actually covering the eyebrows and the narrow ones coming close up to them. It is really rather a foolish fashion, and would you look as if they had come out of the surgical ward of a hospital and covered in those head-bands with something queer?

And to add to the absurdities, some of the new bandeaux are so long and so slender that they look like sticks.

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Among the most popular head-dresses are the large, wide, jewelled bandeaux and ornate feathered head-dresses. The former are the most popular, and are worn in a variety of ways. Some are worn with a high, pointed collar, others with a wide, low-cut collar, and still others with a wide, high-collared jacket. The latter are worn with a wide, low-cut collar, and still others with a wide, high-collared jacket.

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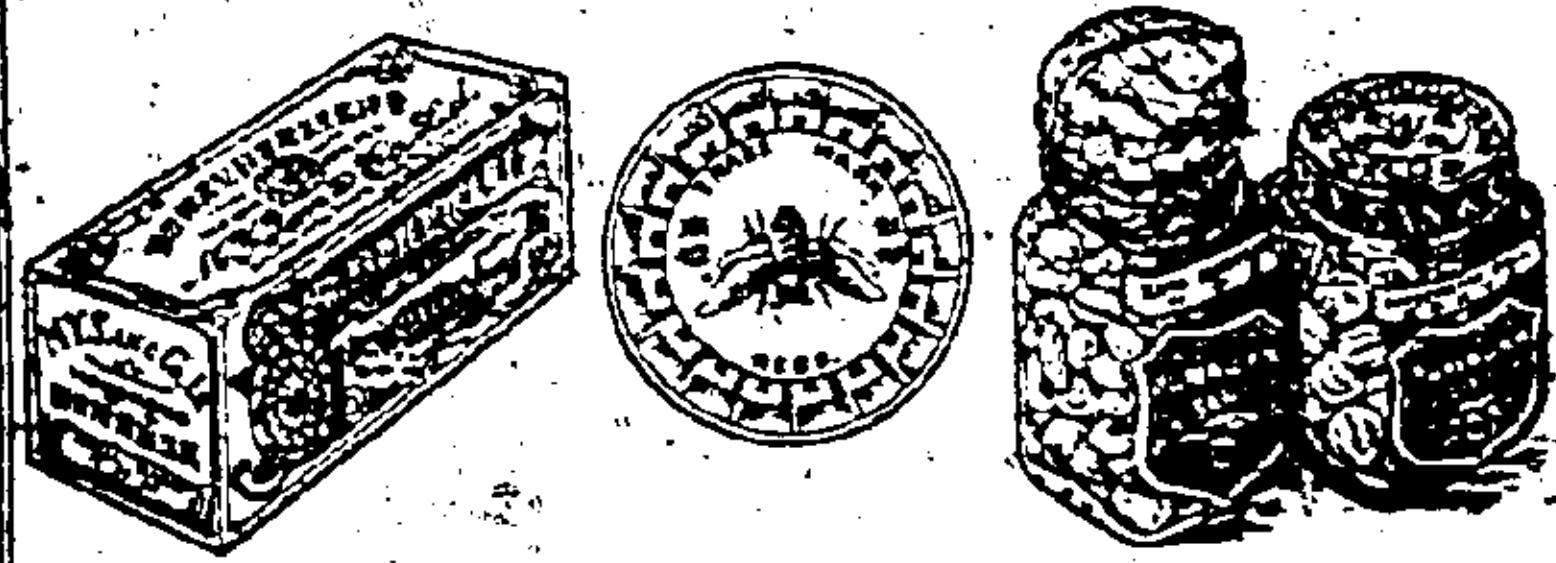
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